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The State Department of Public Welfare has transferred its library collection to the State Library. The materials will be integrated into the State Library's collection, and available to all users of the State Library.

Reference Tools: among recently added indexing and abstracting services at the State Library are these:

Abridged Index Medicus
Boating Abstracts
Congressional Information Service Index
Gardener's Abstracts
Horseman's Abstracts
Index Medicus
Research in Education

The State Library participates in Montana's Committee on Statewide Health Sciences Library Services organized under the auspices of the WICHE, Intermountain Regional Medical Program. This Committee is engaged in the preparation of a union list of journals indexed in Abridged Index Medicus.

On September 21, the U. S. Senate, by a vote of 60 to 0, passed S. 3318, the Library Services and Construction Amendments of 1970. This would extend the Act to June 30, 1976 and consolidate the library programs relating to the institutionalized and handicapped (Title IV-A and B) with the Title I program. Companion bills H.R. 19363 and 19364 have been reported out of the House Select Subcommittee on Education and approved for full committee consideration.

Mrs. Harriett C. Meloy has been appointed head librarian of the Montana Historical Society. A staff member for 13 years, Mrs. Meloy had been acting librarian for a year following the retirement of Miss Mary Dempsey. Mrs. Meloy is active in civic services, and was appointed recently by Governor Anderson to the State Board of Education.

Henry A. Fontaine has been named Library Program Officer for the Office of Education, DHEW, Region VIII, in Denver. Mr. Fontaine most recently was Director of the Jefferson County Public Library, Golden, Colorado. As Library Program Officer, he is responsible for providing technical assistance and guidance to Office of Education Library program grantees in Region VIII.

Richard L. Darling, former professor of library science at the University of Montana, and most recently Director of the Department of Instructional Materials at the Montgomery County (Maryland) Public Schools, has been named Dean of the Faculty of Library Service at Columbia University, New York City.

Brother John Federowicz, C.S.C., has been named librarian at Carroll College, succeeding Father Frank Domitrovich.

Mrs. Patricia Jarvi has been named librarian of the Whitefish Public Library, effective November 1, to succeed Mrs. Dorothy Hunter, who has resigned.

Mrs. Ruth Sommerfeld has succeeded Mrs. Mildred Johnston as librarian of the Wibaux Woman's Club Library.

The Subcommittee on Indian Materials of the Adult Services Division of the American Library Association is interested in receiving bibliographies of Indian materials for adults. The bibliographies will be used for a list of bibliographies, a project of the subcommittee. Librarians who have such bibliographies are asked to send copies to Mrs. June Smith at The College of St. Catherine, 2004 Randolph Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55116.

National Newspaper Week is celebrated by the newspapers of the country October 4-10. As in previous years, many libraries are cooperating in the observance because they believe that newspapers, like libraries, have an important part to play in keeping the public informed about vital issues. Many libraries plan special displays, honoring local papers and promoting the concept of a free press.

Montaniana: The white land, by William Dieter. Knopf, $5.95. A novel of ranching in Montana in the 1880's. Author lived for a time in Montana.

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